

DAILY RECORD-UNION

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A USEFUL LESSON.

It has been constantly preached that most of our political ills can be traced to the neglect of duty by citizens whose instincts are right, and whose tendencies are all towards fair play. In the recent city election in Sacramento the truth of the preaching was made vividly manifest. A very large congregation of the bad elements in society, mainly importations from the slums of other cities, was on hand at the polling places. It was indeed on unusually strong rally of roughs. They came together on purpose to vote illegally, or to aid others to do so, and to browbeat and cow voters opposed to them, to keep them from the polls, and to carry the election to the liking of the vicious class, by fraud and by force. But these elements were rendered comparatively harmless, and were completely defeated in the ends they sought to accomplish. It was done by the simplest and yet most effective of methods. Some two hundred citizens of good standing, clean characters, whose homes are in Sacramento, and whose interests are promoted by order and the observance of the law, quietly posted themselves at the polls to give moral, and if need be, physical support to the challengers. They had nothing to do but to be present and mingle with the crowds—their simple, inactive presence proved a complete and invincible bulwark to the ballot-boxes. The rough elements dared not attempt violence when these citizens stood their ground. The representatives of the slums were completely overawed by decency, cowed by courageous bearing, and whipped back without a blow being struck, except in a few instances by officers who were resisted in making arrests for illegal voting. There never was in the whole history of Sacramento such a wonderful revolution of good citizenship when once it asserts itself. In its manifestation there was no party politics; it was simply the irresistible strength of the American sentiment of "fair play"; an evidence of the overwhelming power of the people when they do political duty. There is no man in the State to-day, probably, who has not heard of what our esteemed contemporary, the San Francisco *Call*, denominates "The Heroism of Sacramento," and there can be no question that the example set to the people of the State will operate powerfully in the direction of reform in election processes in all sections where abuses have prevailed. The people of Sacramento, irrespective of party, simply and only did that which the people everywhere should do on the occasion of every election—they went to the polls and stayed there, and as a result lawlessness was stayed into fairly decent behavior, outrages upon the ballot-boxes were prevented, and those who attempted or accomplished crime were promptly arrested. The moral of all this is, that if citizens will do their duty in the party caucuses, the primary and the polls, they will presently have nothing of which to complain. It has been established beyond all possibility of denial, that elections in California are fairly and honestly conducted, and frauds upon the ballot-box prevented by a very little sacrifice of time and outlay on the part of those who stand for the law, for order and for cleanliness. It is sincerely hoped that the people of every precinct in California will improve upon the lesson taught here, and that however partisans may divide upon party issues, they will be a unit for clean elections.

charge that the fiendish acts are those of some unauthorized individual acting independently of the union. But it remains that the only way to wash their hands of the master is to cease their demands upon the owners for the discharge of non-union miners. Whenever a demand is made and refused, and the refusal is followed by violence against the property of the owner, the public will hold the relation to be such as demand, refusal and action to be such as justify it in laying the responsibility at the door of the union men. As sensible beings, they must realize this to be true.

There is heroism in the manner in which the new German Emperor enters upon the discharge of his duties. He knows that death is not hard for him; that it is impossible for him to live many months, possibly many years; yet he is reported to be perfectly calm, even cheerful, and to give that attention to the affairs of state that is demanded of the ruler of a mighty nation. Most men under sentence of death by irresistible disease, would turn from the affairs of the world, even though fully prepared, and relinquish themselves to the destroyer. Grant battled with death to the last, and by sheer force of will power existed until his work was accomplished. Heroic clergymen with the fangs of disease invariably fixed in their frames, have frequently stood up to their work until the very last moment; physicians trained in the school of self-denial very often lay down life's burden only when the physical frame can no longer obey the will. There are daily instances of heroic men who labor still though perfectly aware that their end is but a few days distant; and these are all heroes. The great majority of people, however, when all hope of recovery is abandoned stand idly and by yielding invite the end. There can be no question but that the iron will of Frederick is holding him up to his work now. He is a doomed man and knows it; he cannot so much as speak, but he is presiding as Emperor of Germany with as much calm attention to duty as if he expected to live to see the fruition of the plans he is laying out for his country's welfare.

The San Francisco *Bulletin* asserts that a remarkable fact has developed concerning "prior residence" Chinese claiming the right to be landed. It is now in evidence that of the Chinese leaving, 95 per cent can speak English; whereas of those seeking to land on wharfs, not over 5 per cent, know any English at all, and one-half of these can only speak a few words. But this evidence was not needed to convince the fair-minded that the "prior residence" plan has been grossly abused, and that an army of Chinese has been landed, which under the Exclusion Act should have been kept out of the country.

BORAX is a production of the Coast. The Democratic tariff reduction measure proposes to strike down the industry involved in this production. The borax producers have very plainly stated their case and petitioned to be exempted from the scaling down threatened. The petition has met with no favor, and protection to the industry is to be refused, which is another nail in the Democratic coffin.

THE Mill's tariff bill reduces the protection now afforded the raisin industry of California. How will the Democratic party next summer face the vineyardists of this coast and explain the assault made by the measure?

ELECTION FRAUD CASES.

Necessity for Watchfulness and Vigilance in Their Prosecution.

The San Francisco *Bulletin* remarks: "Sacramento is supplementing the smashing of the machine by vigorous legal proceedings against imported voters and purchasers of their votes. If such political virtue could become permanent and general instead of being merely spasmodic and local, what a nice country this would be."

It is to be hoped that the present spell of virtue in Sacramento upon this subject will not be relaxed, for there is nothing that will so effectively put a stop to the nefarious practices of the vote-purchasing and this class of cattle as to make the punishment for their crimes as certain as their commission. The practice heretofore in view of dismissing any charges against the illegal voters, about two days after election, was a most dangerous precedent on the part of those who did it, as were the crimes committed by the importers and butchers. But this was one of the best and most important steps taken by the bosses for the fact that the bosses at that time were more dangerous, when given rein to make himself prominent in the public eye. When it was attempted under Grey to put a bit between Boulanger's teeth, the Parisians made him a political demigod, and for a time his personality eclipsed that of any public man in France, and had a good deal to do with the overthrow of Grey and his cabinet. The best thing President Carnot can do—

is to leave the "dynamite" warfar in the mines of Nevada county is disgraceful and inhuman. It is simply a form of the strike with the boycott added in the shape of outrages of lawlessness. A body of men object to the manner in which certain mine managers operate their works, and they strike in consequence—that is, union men refuse to work with non-union men. Thus far the union men exercise an undisputed right. But when some one presumably in their interest attempts to coerce mine owners to their way of thinking, by putting up their works and destroying their property, the union men cannot escape being rated in public judgment along with the law-breakers. He who blows up and fires a house to rob, and he who blows it up and fires it because it is owner's refuse to employ him, commit the same crime, and the motive in the one case will not be more except than in the other. If any men are to be justified in exploding military bombs in mines where non-union men are employed, then non-union men must be defended if they explode bombs beneath houses where union men reside, or in mines where they are engaged. The result is anarchy, and nothing else can follow the defense of the action. The union men deny that they authorize or justify the criminal means resorted to. But the acts are coincident in occurrence and effect with the demands of the union men, and however much they may declare themselves innocent of the outrages, they cannot, in public estimation, escape condemnation while the public will attach to them very much, if not all, the responsibility, unless they repudiate the acts by withdrawing their demands. We are glad that the unionists hotly disclaim any relationship with the dynamiters, whoever they may be, and

Sacramento's Late Battle.

The RECORD-UNION was the best soldier in the campaign against ruffianism in Sacramento during the recent contest. It sounded the bugle of revolt and led the fray. It planted its guns on high ground, and never ceased delivering shot and shell so long as there was a freebooter in sight. We can follow it sometime on the review question, but it makes a terrible fight when it sets itself against political blackguards.—*Stockton Evening Mail (Democrat)*.

A patient directed to bathe his eyes in salt water, replied that he preferred an un-

PRAISE ANNIVERSARY.

Given by the Congregational Chinese Mission Last Evening.

A praise anniversary service of the Congregational Chinese Mission in this city was held at the Congregational Church last evening, and was attended by a large audience. The service was conducted by Rev. W. C. Pond, of San Francisco, Secretary of the California Chinese Mission Branch of the American Missionary Association. Outside of selections rendered by the organ and choir of the church, and brief remarks by Mr. Pond, the addresses, songs, etc., were by the Chinese, and were listened to with great interest.

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